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	AC	4,884,572	12/1989	Bays et al.			
	AD	4,895,148	01/1990	Bays et al.			
	AE	4,924,865	05/1990	Bays et al.			
	AF	5,059,206	10/1991	Winters			
	AG	5,084,050	01/1992	Draenert			
	AH	5,246,441	09/1993	Ross et al.			
	AI	5,342,376	08/1994	Ruff			
	AJ	5,370,661	12/1994	Branch			
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	AL	5,490,750	02/1996	Gundy			
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	AR	5,716,359	02/1998	Ojima et al.			
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	AC	5,984,927	11/1999	Wenstrom, Jr. et al.			
	AD	5,993,475	11/1999	Lin et al.			
	AE	5,520,691	05/1996	Branch			
	AF	5,258,016	11/1993	DiPoto et al.			
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	AD	3,953,896	5/4/76	Treace			
	AE	3,976,079	8/24/76	Samuels et al.			
	AF	4,287,807	9/8/81	Pacharis et al.			
	AG	4,532,926	8/6/85	O'Holla			
	AH	4,532,927	8/6/85	Miksza, Jr.			
	AI	4,534,350	8/13/85	Golden et al.			
	AJ	4,548,202	10/22/85	Duncan			
	AK	4,621,639	11/11/86	Transue et al.			
	AL	4,627,437	12/9/86	Bedi et al.			
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	AO	4,708,132	11/24/87	Silvestrini			
	AP	4,724,840	2/16/88	McVay et al.			
	AQ	4,736,746	4/12/88	Anderson			
	AR	4,744,793	5/17/88	Parr et al.			
	AS	4,750,492	6/14/88	Jacobs			
	AT	4,772,286	9/20/88	Goble et al.			
	AU	4,790,850	12/13/88	Dunn et al.			
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	BG	5,167,665	12/1/92	McKinney			
	BH	5,246,441	9/21/93	Ross et al.			
	BI	5,258,015	11/2/93	Li et al.			
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	BK	5,425,747	6/20/95	Brotz			
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	BM	5,507,812	4/16/96	Moore			
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	BR	5,628,766	5/13/1997	Johnson			
	BS	5,643,320	7/1/97	Lower et al.			
	BT	5,662,683	9/2/97	Kay			
	BU	5,669,935	9/23/97	Rosenman et al.			
	BV	5,690,678	11/25/1997	Johnson			
	BW	5,720,765	2/24/98	Thal			
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	BY	5,728,116	3/17/98	Rosenman			
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	BAA	5,735,875	4/7/98	Bonutti et al.			
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	CA	5,843,084	12/1/98	Hart et al.			
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	CG	6,056,778	5/2/00	Grafton et al.			
	CH	6,096,060	8/1/00	Fitts et al.			
	CI	6,099,568	8/8/00	Simonian et al.			
	CJ	6,146,387	11/14/00	Trott et al.			
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